

Listing and Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) A method for operating a video processing apparatus, comprising steps of:

receiving an electronic mail message remotely from a user, said electronic mail message comprising an operating command and program identification information including at least one of a first type of program identification information and a second type of program identification information;

processing said electronic mail message to determine whether said electronic mail message includes said first type of program identification information;

scheduling an event ~~according~~ responsive to said operating command for a program identified by said program identification information without searching program guide information for said program if said electronic mail message includes said first type of program identification information;

~~processing~~ continuing to process said electronic mail message to determine whether said electronic mail message includes said second type of program identification information only if said electronic mail message does not include said first type of program identification information;

searching said program guide information for said program using said program identification information only if said electronic mail message includes said second type of program identification information and does not include said first type of program identification information; and

scheduling said event responsive to said operating command if said program is found during said searching step.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein:
said first type of program identification information includes channel and time information for said program; and
said second type of program identification information includes a name of said program.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said operating command represents one of a request to record said program and a request to watch said program.

13. (previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein:
said video processing apparatus is scheduled to record said program if said operating command represents said request to record said program; and
said video processing apparatus is scheduled to power on if said operating command represents said request to watch said program.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising a step of sending a second electronic mail message from said video processing apparatus to said user if said program is not found during said searching step, said second electronic mail message indicating that said electronic mail message included insufficient program identification information.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, wherein said electronic mail message further comprises a password and further comprising a step of sending a second electronic mail message from said video processing apparatus to said user if said password is incorrect.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising of a step of sending a second electronic mail message from said video processing apparatus to said user if said event is scheduled.

17. (currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:

first means for receiving an electronic mail message remotely from a user, said electronic mail message comprising an operating command and program identification information including at least one of a first type of program identification information and a second type of program identification information;

second means for processing said electronic mail message to determine whether said electronic mail message includes said first type of program identification information, and for scheduling an event ~~according~~ responsive to said operating command for a program identified by said program identification information without searching program guide information for said program if said electronic mail message includes said first type of program identification information;

said second means ~~processing~~ continuing to process said electronic mail message to determine whether said electronic mail message includes said second type of program identification information only if said electronic mail message does not include said first type of program identification information; and

said second means searching said program guide information for said program using said program identification information only if said electronic mail message includes said second type of program identification information and does not include said first type of program identification information, and scheduling said event responsive to said operating command if said program is found during said searching.

18. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein:

said first type of program identification information includes channel and time information for said program; and

said second type of program identification information includes a name of said program.

19. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said operating command represents one of a request to record said program and a request to watch said program.

20. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein:
said apparatus is scheduled to record said program if said operating command represents said request to record said program; and
said apparatus is scheduled to power on if said operating command represents said request to watch said program.

21. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein a second electronic mail message is sent from said apparatus to said user if said program is not found during said searching, said second electronic mail message indicating that said electronic mail message included insufficient program identification information.

22. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said electronic mail message further comprises a password and a second electronic mail message is sent from said apparatus to said user if said password is incorrect.

23. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein a second electronic mail message is sent from said apparatus to said user if said event is scheduled.

24. (currently amended) A video processing apparatus, comprising:
an interface operative to receive an electronic mail message remotely from a user, said electronic mail message comprising an operating command and program identification information including at least one of a first type of program identification information and a second type of program identification information;
a processor operative to process said electronic mail message to determine whether said electronic mail message includes said first type of program identification information, and to schedule an event ~~according~~ responsive to said operating command for a program identified by said program identification information without searching program guide information for said program if said electronic mail message includes said first type of program identification information;

said processor ~~processing~~ continuing to process said electronic mail message to determine whether said electronic mail message includes said second type of program identification information only if said electronic mail message does not include said first type of program identification information; and

said processor searching said program guide information for said program using said program identification information only if said electronic mail message includes said second type of program identification information and does not includes said first type of program identification information, and scheduling said event responsive to said operating command if said program is found during said searching.

25. (previously presented) The video processing apparatus of claim 24, wherein:

said first type of program identification information includes channel and time information for said program; and

said second type of program identification information includes a name of said program.

26. (previously presented) The video processing apparatus of claim 24, wherein said operating command represents one of a request to record said program and a request to watch said program.

27. (previously presented) The video processing apparatus of claim 26, wherein:

said video processing apparatus is scheduled to record said program if said operating command represents said request to record said program; and

said video processing apparatus is scheduled to power on if said operating command represents said request to watch said program.

28. (previously presented) The video processing apparatus of claim 24, wherein a second electronic mail message is sent from said video processing apparatus to said user if said program is not found during said searching, said second

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electronic mail message indicating that said electronic mail message included insufficient program identification information.

29. (previously presented) The video processing apparatus of claim 24, wherein said electronic mail message further comprises a password and a second electronic mail message is sent from said video processing apparatus to said user if said password is incorrect.